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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GOI EXPULSION OF NEWSWEEK'S JUDY BIRD WILLIAMS

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1. ALLEGATIONS REFTEL UNFOUNDED. NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT KNOWS OF NO MOVE TO EXPEL HER FROM INDONESIA, ALTHOUGH SHE WON'T BE SURPRISED IF THIS SHOULD DEVELOP IN VIEW OF CONTENTS OF FEB 4 INTERNATIONAL EDITION. (STORY ON AFTER-MATH OF RIOTS SAID THAT ACCORDING WILLIAMS, "THE GREATEST VICTIM OF THE PRESENT POLICY MAY BE SUHARTO HIMSELF. IT IS NOW WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE ARMY IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE RIVAL FACTIONS OF MAJ GEN ALI MURTOPO AND DR (SIC SUMITRO..."

2. ON EVENING OF JAN 31 WILLIAMS PHONED MANAGING EDITOR OF INTERNATIONAL EDITION MAYNARD PARKER IN NEW YORK TO EXPRESS EXTREME DISMAY REGARDING THIS STORY (WHICH WAS RESULT OF NEW YORK EDITING) AND TO ASK FOR POSSIBLE REMEDIAL MEASURES, INCLUDING LETTER TO EDITOR POINTING OUT CONFUSION ABOUT SUMITRO FOLLOWED BY PUBLISHED APOLOGY TO DR SUMITRO FROM EDITOR OF NEWSWEEK. SHE SAYS SHE MADE NO REFERENCE TO EMBASSY AND (PLEASE KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL) TOLD EMBOFF SHE THINKS MAYNARD PARKER MAY HAVE ASKED WASHINGTON BUREAU TO LODGE COMPLAINT ON THEORY THAT IT WOULDN'T DO ANY HARM TO HAVE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ON THE ACT REGARDLESS. IN FACT SHE HAS NO NEED FOR, OR DESIRE FOR, EMBASSY

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